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## FAREWELL SOCIAL GIVEN TO MEN OF THE SECOND CANADIAN OVERSEAS CONTINGENT

The Claresholm albumen of 25 men for the second Canadian Active service contingent having been ordered to assemble at on the eighteenth last at Claresholm the citizens of the town took the opportunity of entertaining the volunteers to a "Scandinavian" party which was held in the Chair with a ring. Mrs. McKinney on behalf of the Ladies' Societies, made a kindly speech to the boys and presented each of them with a bachelor's mending outfit and after dining "Tipperary" coffee and sandwiches were served and the floor was cleared for dancing to the music of an amateur company of Claresholm musicians. Dancing was indulged in after one o'clock.

On Thursday morning there was a large crowd at the station to see the boys off and the farewells were taken. When Capt. Westmore ordered the line up to form the red and white camp colors he was joined by the band who then sang "The Young Men are gone" lined up for the first of many roll calls and that when the final roll call came months, perhaps years hence some would be missing. With the chorus of "It's a Long Way to Tipperary," the train steamed away.

The Claresholm contingent was a fine set up body of young men, the best of the lot from the local schools and under their leader, Capt. Westmore, the characteristics of the active service men. In a scholarly interesting speech Mr. J. E. Forder, principal of the school had a formal farewell to the soldiers. He traced the causes of the war, gave a denial to the statements that Canadians had not volunteered in large numbers and pointed out that the boys who would march down under Dan Llinas, Mr. M. Simpson of Macleod, a grandson of Sir Jas. Simpson, who by his introduction of chloroform into surgery in 1847 became one of the benefactors of the human race and an old Etobicoke boy, where according to the Iron Duke many of Britain's battles were won, played a part in the war. A general speech was followed by "Sextus" Clegg who made a neat manly speech in which he stated that he could not understand the attitude of people who had asked him why he and others were going when there were lots of men in England. He and others were going to take the place of the flower of the British Army who had fallen, and to bear the burden of the world's woes.

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